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STORROW DRIVE TRANSPORTATION STUDY
SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 27

Surveys will be distributed at Storrow Drive on and off ramps

The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) is studying options for reconstruction of the Storrow Drive Tunnel. Public input to help determine which alternative will be chosen is critical to this project. Motorists from around the region will have an opportunity to provide this input on Thursday, April 27 when DCR will sponsor distribution of a survey at Storrow Drive on and off ramps from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM. (In case of inclement weather, the alternate date is Tuesday, May 2.)

During the study, surveyors wearing orange safety vests will approach vehicles stopped at traffic signals and ask motorists to accept a survey form. No questions will be asked at that time. Instead, motorists will be asked to accept the form and fill it out at their convenience. Return postage for the surveys has been pre-paid so the completed forms need only be dropped in a mail box.

DCR encourages motorists to participate in the Storrow Drive Tunnel reconstruction project by filling out and returning the survey and providing their opinions. To promote participation in the survey, motorists who provide a return address will be entered in a drawing to win one of five sets of two box seats to a Red Sox game.

More project information is available on DCR's website at www.mass.gov/dcr, including powerpoint presentations and minutes of public meetings along with a summary of the options under consideration.

The Storrow Drive Tunnel carries eastbound traffic underground near Arlington St., while supporting westbound traffic above. Key elements of the tunnel, built in the 1950s, have deteriorated significantly and need to be upgraded to meet current safety standards. DCR aims to use the returned surveys to incorporate public opinion regarding the future upgrade and options for diverting traffic and encouraging the use of public transit during construction.

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